



Milk Production Report

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This report contains the results from the quarterly *Milk Production Report*. The data are also posted on our Web site at <http://www.nass.usda.gov/ar>. Thanks to all who responded to the questionnaires and interviews for these surveys.

Fourth Quarter Milk Production Down 5 Percent

Arkansas milk production during the October-December 2010 quarter was 35 million pounds, down 5 percent from the same period in 2009, but unchanged from the July-September 2010 quarter. The average number of milk cows on farms during the quarter was 12,000 head, 1,000 head fewer than the same period last year, but unchanged from the previous quarter. Nationally, the number of milk cows increased slightly from the previous year and the previous quarter. Milk production increased from the previous year, but decreased from the previous quarter.

Milk Cows and Production: by Quarter, Arkansas and U.S., 2008-2010

Item/Period	Arkansas				United States			
	2008	2009	2010	% Change from '09	2008	2009	2010	% Change from '09
Milk Cows¹	<i>Thousand Head</i>				<i>Thousand Head</i>			
1st Quarter, January-March	16.0	13.5	13.0	- 4	9,285	9,295	9,091	- 2
2nd Quarter, April-June	15.0	13.0	12.5	- 4	9,315	9,262	9,111	- 2
3rd Quarter, July-September	14.0	13.0	12.0	- 8	9,329	9,155	9,122	- <0.5
4th Quarter, October-December	14.0	13.0	12.0	- 8	9,331	9,090	9,126	+ <0.5
Milk Production²	<i>Million Pounds</i>				<i>Million Pounds</i>			
1st Quarter, January-March	52	43	41	- 5	47,609	47,374	47,352	- <0.5
2nd Quarter, April-June	52	46	42	- 9	48,768	48,888	49,753	+ 2
3rd Quarter, July-September	41	38	35	- 8	46,870	46,793	48,078	+ 3
4th Quarter, October-December	41	37	35	- 5	46,735	46,265	47,543	+ 3

¹ Average number includes dry cows; excludes heifers not yet fresh.

² Excludes milk nursed by calves.

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